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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
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Biographical Note

William Julian Bryan was born on November 11, 1860 to Rev. John and Eliza Jane (Phillips) Bryan near Bloomington, Indiana. He had at least three siblings: Albert, Jennie P. and Joseph C. P. Bryan graduated from Indiana University in 1884 and received his A.M. in 1886. He also studied in several European cities, including Berlin, Paris and Wurzburg and received a Ph.D. in philosophy 1892 from Clark University. He married Charlotte [Lotta] Augusta Lowe on July 11, 1889 in Marion County, Indiana, and he changed his middle name to his wife's maiden name.

Bryan was a professor of philosophy at Indiana University from 1885 to 1892, acted as vice president from 1893 to 1902 and served as Indiana University's tenth president from 1902 to 1937. During that time, the university grew from fewer than 1,500 students to more than 7,000 with many new schools being established, including the business, music and medical schools. Bryan House (the former president's house), Bryan Hall, Bryan Park and the Bryan Room in the Indiana Memorial Union are all named for him. He was a charter member of the Monroe County (IN) Hall of Fame, 1976. The description on his plaque reads "Indiana University President, 1902-1937, Professor, 1884-1902, Director, Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching 1910-1937, Author." Bryan also received honorary degrees from numerous colleges and universities.

William and Charlotte Bryan co-wrote "Plato, the Teacher." He died in November of 1955 and is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence from William Lowe Bryan in Bloomington, Indiana ranging from 1931 to 1935 regarding the purchase of an atlas and inviting the Indiana Library Association to meet in Bloomington.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Indiana Library Association.
- Indiana University.

Personal Name(s)

- Bailey, Louis J. (Louis Jonathan), 1881-1962

Subject(s)

- Booksellers and bookselling
- College presidents
- Correspondence
- Libraries--Indiana